

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 30 & December 1, 2019

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Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully*

Our Mission: *To bring people into contact with the Gospel,
and help them grow in their relationship to God in Christ.*

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

We are glad that you are here! We pray that you will be drawn closer to the living, forgiving God who has come to meet us. Please come again.

TODAY'S ASSISTING MINISTERS

Accompanist/Organist	Todd Yetman
Children's Choir Director	Leslie Walton
Adult Choir Director	Pamela Putrich
Bell Choir Director	Erica Desaulniers
Director of Ladies Ensemble	Pamela Putrich
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Tammy Dunn
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	David W. Johnson
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	John Pfeffer
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Monica Medows
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Marylynn Tyler
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Debbie Eggert
Acolyte (5:00)	Miranda Melde
Acolyte (8:30)	Megan Gerasch
Acolyte (11:00)	Cole Pawlicki
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Kathy Sons & Amanda Villalobos
Nursery (ages 0-5) (11:00)	Beth & Johnny Russler
Ushers (5:00)	Dave Lang, Nancy Smith, Hailey Smith
Ushers (8:30)	Don Lafferty, Sue Lafferty, Morgan Barlow, Matthew Lohmar
Ushers (11:00)	Paul Muehlnickel, Matthew Muehlnickel, Julie Kirkeeng Joe Kirkeeng
Greeters (5:00)	Kathy Davenport
Greeters (11:00)	Synday Lindbloom
Communion Servers (11:00)	Georgia Cash, Lisa Star, Janet Stoller Amanda Muehlnickel, Molly Muehlnickel, Kelly Muehlnickel
Bread Provider (11:00)	Emilie Harvey
Refreshments (5:00)	Laura Tieri
Refreshments (8:30)	Renee Gatewood, Lindsay George, Cindy Gerasch
Offering Counters	Paul & Kathy Sons, Lisa Parker, Mark Muehlnickel

The altar flowers are given by Chris and Renee Osbrink in memory of Chris' mom, Terri Osbrink; also given by Jeff Lindeman and Jenni Rimkunas in memory of Karlette Lindeman.

WE APPRECIATE your wearing name tags, turning off cell phones, and using a quiet voice for conversations once the prelude begins before worship.

WELCOME PADS

It helps us when you sign the red welcoming pads and give us your last name.

HEARING ASSISTANCE & LARGE PRINT HYMNAL AVAILABLE

We are happy to offer a large print hymnal for visual assistance, as well as wireless receivers to assist anyone with a hearing impairment. Please ask an usher for either or both.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS & OTHER ASSISTANCE

If you would like a gluten free cracker instead of a wafer or bread, or if you have difficulty picking up an individual communion cup, please just ask your server to assist you. Also, if you are not able to come forward for communion, let an usher know and we will come to you.

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the

5:00 p.m. Saturday and the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship services.
 Saturday Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
 Education Hour9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sat., Nov. 30 - Tree decorating 6:00 & maybe Christmas caroling
 Sun., Dec. 1 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
No Adult Education Hour or Teen Bible Study
 Lincoln-Way Central Madrigals (singing between services 9:55 a.m.)
 Peace 360 - Zoo Lights (meet at church at 4:00 p.m.)
 Mon., Dec. 2 - Ruth Circle Quilters 9:00 a.m.
 Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12 noon
 GriefShare - Last Meeting of this Session 6:30 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 3 - Bell Choir rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
 Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Committee Chair meeting 7:30 p.m.
 Wed., Dec. 4 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Strong Seniors Exercise Group 11:15 a.m.
 Children's Choir rehearsal 6:00 p.m.- Adult Choir rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Pizza at 6:30 p.m.
 Sat., Dec. 7 - Blood Drive 9:00 a.m.
 7th & 8th Grade Ice Skating event 1:30 p.m.
 Ladies Ensemble rehearsal 3:00 p.m.
 3yrs.- 2nd Grade Christmas Program 5:00 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 8 - Sunday School & Adult Education Hour - "Be Nice" and Other
Good Advice (for December & beyond) 9:55 a.m.
 Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:00-9:30 a.m.
 Blood Pressure Screenings 9:45 a.m.
 Teen Bible Study 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
 Conversations about & demonstrations of how to do electronic giving 9:45
 Peace 360 - Babysitting Event 12 noon
 American Legion Christmas concert at Rialto 2:00 p.m.
 Mon., Dec. 9 - Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12 noon

Help Others

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., DEC. 11

Come and prepare shawls for people who need to be wrapped in God's love. We meet every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you. Our next meeting will be Dec. 11. Questions, contact Cheryl, 815-462-3089. If you know someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please put your request in the box on the narthex counter.

NEW FEEDING MINISTRY

We have been given the opportunity to help support future pastors and deacons in a new way. The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Chicago has a food closet for its seminarians and the closet is dangerously low on supplies. We will be having an ongoing food drive to help fill the shelves and lift the burden that seminary can sometimes be for students and their families. A list of needed items can be found in the narthex.

HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Joliet. They have a food and resource pantry for people of their neighborhood who are hungry or in need. You can bring donations anytime and put them in the baskets on the floor heading into Fellowship Hall. The pantry is in need of the following specific items: cereal (all kinds), canned fruit, coffee (ground), creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - SUN., DEC. 8

Our next monthly screening date is Sun., Dec. 8, between the two services. *Blood pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have questions, or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, contact Marylynn Tyler at (815)423-6407.*

CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

Whether you are a caregiver for a spouse, parent, teen, sibling or a child, you need help with the emotional, spiritual, mental and physical side of reality. Help yourself to the variety of resources that we have pulled together for you and know you're not alone. (*Information is on the narthex counter and in the hallway leading to Fellowship Hall.*)

DONATIONS FOR MORNINGSTAR TREASURE CHEST

We are still accepting donations of clothing and household goods for MorningStar Treasure Chest. Place your donations in the basket marked MorningStar located in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall.

BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., DEC. 7

Thank you to everyone who donated in October. We had a great response! Our next Heartland blood drive will be Sat., Dec. 7, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This a time of year when giving is in the air. Your donation of blood saves lives – quite a gift!

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Each year, the money we receive in our Thanksgiving/Christmas special envelopes is given away to others. This year it will be divided between the ELCA's Hunger Appeal (which includes direct help for the victims of the hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and other disasters), Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (the agency of our church that serves so many people in need), mission churches (Santa Cruz in Joliet and Resurrection in Channahon - Pastor Ben's church), and local ministries that help others (Groundwork, Daybreak, Trinity Services, and Morningstar Mission).

COAT DRIVE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

One Warm Coat is a community service effort assisting in the collection of clean, reusable coats and jackets for donation to local individuals free of charge. Peace Church is following in its mission to give away coats to people of all ages. Our Altar Guild helps with this, and invites you to help those in need with good warm coats. Items can be dropped off here at church in the entrance area bin. Scarfs, hats, gloves/mittens and boots will also be accepted. Thank you for your continued support.

GOOD SHEPHERD group is seeking donations of NEW beauty items (make-up, make-up brushes, eyeshadow, lotion, hair bands, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs and brushes), personal items, bathing items (sponges, bubble bath, shower gel), and travel size toiletries for homeless and abused persons. Please place these items in the basket labeled *Good Shepherd Beauty Items* located under the left part of the narthex counter. Thank you for your support!

THINK ABOUT A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS GIFT

Give your loved one a goat. What!? Through the ELCA's Good Gifts, you can find all kinds of alternative Christmas giving ideas. In short, someone who needs something, such as livestock, receives the actual animal, and your loved one knows that his or her gift is helping someone in need. Check out these and many other good gifts on the tree in the entrance area or at www.elca.org/giving.

CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING - SANTA CRUZ & AUGUSTANA CENTER

Each year we have gift tags on a tree for those who wish to help people in need. Some are for people at Santa Cruz, our mission partner in Joliet. Some are for Augustana Open Arms Center (an orphanage). [Some tags are for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.] Please follow the instructions on the tag, and return the gifts and tags by Dec. 11 for the first two, and by Christmas for the ELCA ones.

Faith Development/Education

ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

Our Sunday weekly **adult class** usually meets in the back of the sanctuary, starting at 9:55 a.m. Each week there is a different topic.

Dec. 1 - Lincoln-Way Central Madrigals (singing between services 9:55 a.m.)

Dec. 8 - "Be Nice" and Other Good Advice (for December & beyond)

Dec. 15 - "When People Are Poison"

Dec. 22 - "Detaching in Relationships" (including how Jesus did it)

Dec. 29 - "How Do Your Dreams Turn Out?"

Jan. 5 - "Is It Good to Be a Pessimist?" (New Year's resolutions: bah-humbug?)

EVERYBODY READ

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we pick a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write down a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage.

December's passage is: John 1:14-18

BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR ISAIAH 2:1-5

There is something beautiful in taking a tool of destruction and death and turning it into a tool of creation and life. This text gives us a prophecy of peace in the future, where God will "Judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many people" (Isaiah 2:4). The text goes on to say, "they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks". The imagery here is to take weapons, tools that bring death and destruction and transform them into gardening tools, tools that will bring life and creation. In this passage life is created from what used to bring death.

LIBRARY BOOK OF THE WEEK

Each week we feature a book that's in our library. On your way to refreshments, take a look for it. And if you like it, check it out. (There's a 3-ring binder that is self-serve and easy to use.) This week's book is: ***Hoping for Something Better*** by Nancy Guthrie

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., JAN. 12

Peace Page Turners will be discussing *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Join us for the discussion, even if you haven't read the book. We meet at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Davenport (815) 545-2806.

PRAYER LIST

If your prayer request is for yourself or you have the other person's permission, you may be specific [for example, skin cancer]. For anyone, you may be more general [for example, "a decision to be made," or "health"]. We will keep people on the pray-for list for 60 days unless you tell us otherwise.

Josilyn, Rick Davis, Andrew, Drew, Suzanne & Steve, Menke, Sonja Muehlnickel (surgery), Kerrie Flynn (2nd knee replacement), Matthew (recovery), Nolan (find his way back), Janet Stoller, Lynn McGuire, Roger Bentley, Mel Stromberg, Raymond Standard, Pam Salutric (recovery), Cindy Chubb, Diane Weber (recovery), Denise Jones (recovery), Edna Anglin (health), Jim Grosche, Marty Rodey, Vivian Farbak, Ron Hnetkovsky (recovery), Tom Moore (job), Penny (health), Joshua Spreadbury, Tyler Ledvina, Mary Brouette, Emily Burnson (recovery), Cathy Arenz, Benjamin David (missionary), Tammy Conway, Barry, Ann Ciannella, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Courtney, Betty, Karen, Gloria, Lisa Brooks (healing), Frank Brixius, Joe Schultz, Diane Sprandel (cancer recovery), Katie Fanning, Bill Horsley, Sallie (lost job single parent), Nancy Bohl, Bob Britton (possible surgery), Alexis Flynn (recovery), Mary, Teresa, Barb Decker, Mark Krysiak (kidney failure & heart valve disease), Mason Mena (guidance), Jake & Josh (addiction), Pam Ensley, Mary Anna (health), Donna Miller (recovery), Phoebe (kidney disease), Robin (depression), Estafania Calderon, Jean Britton (surgery), Violet Gambrel, Shelly Brodarick, Henry Torres, Eric Torres, Jean Korneta (broken hip), Liz (treatment for metastatic breast cancer), Pam Craig (health), Dick Tyler, Al Williamson (accident), the Yates family, Jim Fitzpatrick & family, Mark Sells & family (strength & comfort), Kelli (lost job), Anita (healing), Carol L. (healing from shoulder surgery), Kristin (praise new job), Patti (cancer), Lori Black, Alan Booton, Erv & Mary Pander, Carol Bentley, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt (strength), Bill Reidy (cancer), Mary Hand (family strength & healing), Tyler, the Austin family (strength & healing), Brena V. and family (strength & healing), Dan T. & family), Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo (health & wellness), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY - If you know someone who is serving and would like them on our list, let us know. Please pray for those who have returned from war who struggle to readjust to life and work through their grief. Mike Scott, Daniel Kitley, T.J. Burns, Ned Fowler, Elizabeth (Tatro) Grossart, Brian Kettell, Jake Treasure, Grover Keltz, Dylan Sperstad, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Dan Treasure, Stephanie (Jones) Vail, Neil Vickers, Lane Trainor, Allison DeVitto, Rob Boland

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Worship Related

LADIES ENSEMBLE

Sing! Sing a song!!! The Ladies Ensemble is looking for women who love to sing... and have a good time too! No experience needed! Spreading God's word thru music is a joy you will want to share in. For questions, contact the office, Pamela Putrich or Gerry Wurzburger. Hope to see you soon!

ADULT CHOIR - WANTED: Singers!

No experience needed. Just have a joy of singing. The Adult Peace Choir wants you! We are a fun bunch that love to sing and spread the joy of Christ through music. We practice Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Come check us out anytime throughout the year. You are always welcome. Have questions? Call the office or email the director, Pamela at sngbrd74@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!!

PEACE HANDBELL CHOIR

If you are not already a member but are interested in playing, we would love to have you join! Please contact Erica Desaulniers (ericasagerman@gmail.com) for more information.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL MUSIC DEADLINE - SUN., DEC. 1

Each year several people offer to do prelude and other special music for Christmas worship services. To help manage all the music we have to coordinate for Christmas, if you'd like to volunteer, talk to Todd, pick out your music and get that to him by **Dec. 1**.

MADRIGALS ARE COMING! - SUN., DEC. 1

We are pleased that it worked out to get the Lincoln-Way Central Madrigals (all three groups of them!) to come to our church on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 9:55 a.m., between services. It is worth your while to come and hear this amazing group of high school singers.

SHORTEST DAY/ LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP - SAT., DEC. 21

As a part of the 5:00 p.m. worship service on Dec. 21, we will have a special liturgy and emphasis. It will acknowledge that Christmas is not merry for everyone. This Shortest Day/Longest Night observance allows anyone who has felt any kind of loss (death, divorce, job, etc.) to come and recognize that each is not alone; each is also held in God's compassionate care. We encourage you to invite anyone who has experienced a loss (or is struggling).

Thank you

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$10,610.45** at worship plus another **\$1338** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **319**. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

In 2018, multiple fires raged in California, devastating communities and almost wiping out the city of Paradise. Now, one year after the Camp Fire — the most deadly and destructive fire in California history — thousands of people remain displaced. Thanks to your generosity, Lutheran Disaster Response has been able to help communities impacted by these fires with crucial support on the long road to recovery. They provided survivors with immediate needs such as food, bedding, clothing, housing security deposits, daily life necessities and temporary supplies. And thanks to you, long after the headlines changed, they still are supporting people with disaster case managers who can help them formulate an individual recovery plan, while providing emotional and spiritual care, access to safe, secure and functional housing, and financial assistance for other needs.

More Faith Development/Education

WED. BIBLE STUDY & THE BOOK OF JOB

The book of Job in the Bible is a profound book that directly addresses the issue of suffering. It is an amazing book in its literary form and style, and really gets us thinking about "why?" In about a month or so we are going to be starting the study of this book on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in our Bible study. We go verse by verse throughout the Bible from beginning to end, and are working on Ezra and Nehemiah, with Job to follow Esther. You are free to join us anytime and to come when you can. We'll keep you updated on a more exact starting date as we get closer (maybe Dec. 11??? – but, you can come now and get some more good faith material.)

General Announcements

C.Ds & PODCAST AVAILABLE

Would you like a C.D. copy of a worship service? Look for the sign-up on the narthex counter. Also, if you want to listen to a sermon you missed or want to hear one again, go to the link on our website www.peacenewlenox.org.

RECYCLING ITEMS

The following items can be dropped off in the basket in the narthex: DVD players, Game Boys, digital cameras, laptops, tablets, cell phones, most printer cartridges (including Epson), chargers and cables.

OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARY

Benjamin David is serving a year in Argentina as a Young Adult in Global Mission. It's our privilege to support him financially, through prayers each week in worship, Trailblazers' cards, and more!

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY - MON., DEC. 2

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you heal after losing a loved one. The group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days. They meet on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. If you would like more information, contact the church office.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - HELP WRITE SPECIAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting the ministry of the special prayers of intercession that happen on the first weekend of the month. Usually two weeks ahead of that, there is a meeting at 9:45 a.m. in the library area where those prayers are created. (The idea behind the prayers came from one of our members during a "What's the Scoop" idea exchange.) You are welcome to be a part of this ministry any time you can. Watch the bulletin for when they'll be meeting next – or any month!

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

The questions from real kids keep coming in! This month we heard (among others), "How does God decide if we go to heaven or hell?" and "Does God make (our) life story?" It offered us a chance to remember that God's desire is for all to be in heaven with God forever. Sadly, some people refuse to go. Also, God doesn't write our life story for us, but wants to accompany us in writing our own story. God's guiding can make all the difference for us to have a meaningful life!

Regarding our Spanish version of the amazing book, the main book is waiting our order numbers and the coloring book is in the final review process. It all is coming together!

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: December 1. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here. If you want it via e-mail or first class, let us know.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES BOOKS

We are once again offering Golden Opportunity books. They're filled with savings coupons for many different types of places, from food to entertainment to carwashes. This year's edition is here and is \$25. (A portion of that goes to youth-related ministries.) We hope this helps you get some good bargains!

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Positive Peer Influence (Social Awareness.)** **Something we can do at home is: Get to know your children's friends by inviting them to spend time in your home.** **This week's idea for our school is: Provide cooperative learning opportunities for students. Let students work together in groups.**

DO YOU GIVE ELECTRONICALLY (OR WANT TO)?

For those of you who give electronically and would like to put something in the offering plate, we have cards you may use (located on the narthex counter). If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, contact the office. If you want to give on-line, you can go to our website (www.peacenewlenox.org), click on the donate tab. You can also scan the QR code (below) with your smart phone to donate one time or set up recurring payments (it may also be downloaded in order to manage online giving).



NEW PEACE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY TO BEGIN

One of our members who came from another church was part of a simple prayer group. We would like to begin that ministry here! For those who are willing to be prayer partners in this effort, the process will be very simple. Someone will let the office know of a particular (urgent) need for prayer. We will send out an email to the praying volunteers with that need. Each will offer prayer on his or her own schedule. That's it. Would you be willing to be a part of this new Peace Circle of Prayer? Let us know via the sign-up or calling the office, including what email address we should use.

PEACE CHURCH CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

On behalf of the New Lenox Historical Society, Peace Lutheran Church Christmas ornaments are now available for purchase. If you would like one (or more), please look for the display on the counter in the narthex. The cost is \$8.50 per ornament. (There's an envelope available by the ornaments to place your cash or check made payable to Peace Lutheran Church). If we run out, we'll get more!

NEW FLOWER CHART

Each week people donate the cost of altar flowers (\$20 per arrangement). The process is very simple. There is a chart in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall. Sign your name and phone number for the week(s) you want to donate flowers. We will contact you to find out the reason (if any) for the donation. Envelopes for the cost are by the chart and also are mailed the week following your selected week.

More Fellowship Opportunities/Events

CHESS TOURNAMENT - ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Calling all chess players! Peace Church is considering having a chess tournament and would like to know approximately how many deep thinkers we have in the congregation. After compiling a list, along with a general consensus of availability, we will then pick a date and time for the first Peace Church Open Chess Tournament. Everyone is welcome, from the youngest generation to the most experienced generations. ☺ If interested (and why wouldn't you be?), please use the sign-up slip or contact Al Davenport directly at al.davenport@comcast.net, or call or text Al at 708-977-7339. Whether you win or lose, the tournament will be a hoot!

TRIVIA NIGHT - SAT., JAN. 11

Mark your calendars now! Come and join the fun as we have our first ever general trivia contest on Sat., Jan. 11, at 6:15 p.m. We intend to have teams of approximately six players. Each is an expert at something, right?!!! You can assemble a team of your own. (Don't have six people? No problem! We will place everyone who wants to play on a team.) For parents who want to make this a date night, Peace will be providing childcare (\$3 per child). Although walk-ins are welcome, please help us by signing up now. Use the sign-up slip, email or call the church office, or email Al Davenport at al.davenport@comcast.net.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENT - SAT., DEC. 14

Females of all ages above 12 are getting together once again to do a holiday craft. As we did for Easter egg decorating, there will be choices of potential projects to make. The options will be on display in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall. Sign up for the project(s) you would like to do, with your email address, and Syndy Lindbloom will send you the supply list. Please call or text her with any questions at 708-623-9742. The date is Saturday, Dec. 14, at 1:00 p.m., at church.

New This Week

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday, Dec. 21 & Sunday, Dec. 22 - Advent worship at all three services at our regular schedule. (No Sunday School, but adult class will meet.)

Tuesday, Dec. 24 - at 4:00 p.m.

Celebration service - including our invitation for children to bring bells to ring. **at 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 p.m.**

Candlelight Communion services.

Wednesday, Dec. 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Festival Communion service.

Saturday, Dec. 28 & Sunday, Dec. 29 - You pick the hymns! (Regular worship schedule except no Sunday School – but adult class will meet.)

PARENTS OF FUTURE COLLEGE STUDENTS - SUN., JAN 12

For some people the financial aspects of having someone heading to college in a year or four years creates a massive panic attack. Would you like some help evaluating a path that might make things a little more focused? Joe Duea, a presenter from Thrivent Financial, will offer a free seminar for parents and kids in grades 9-12 on how to maximize your options. He will not sell you anything at the program. (He will offer to meet with anyone at a different time, but that would be your choice.) He has presented this program multiple times and the response has been highly favorable. The date is Jan. 11 and the time will be 12:15 p.m. We'll provide hot dogs and chips and beverages so you can eat here and then learn together. We invite you to bring any kind of salad or dessert to share. He encourages both teens and parents to attend because all are in this together. Please use the sign-up or call the office so we can prepare appropriately.

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING – & LEARNING NEW WAYS OF GIVING - SUN., DEC. 8

Have you ever wondered exactly how to make an online gift to Peace Church? Do you understand how to use those funny printed squares (QR codes) and how they're supposed to make your life easier? Have you ever wondered how to set up your weekly offering automatically through your bank, but haven't taken the time to do it yet? This is your chance! On Sunday, Dec. 8, at 9:45 you are invited to learn all about electronic giving in a no-pressure setting by friendly members of our church who are giving these ways. Bring your personal tablet, smart phone, or laptop or try it out on one of the church's computers. Consider joining others in a new way to share your blessings with Peace!

Youth Ministry

PEACE 360 HS YOUTH GROUP

Have you ever wished that there was a place that you could hang with your friends from church and elsewhere? A place that is fun, interesting, and sometimes crazy? We have that place for you...Peace 360! We truly hope that you will mark off this time for us - and for you! Whenever you can be here, you'll be welcome! Peace 360 meets most Sundays from 4 -7 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 1 - Zoo Lights at Brookfield Zoo. Dinner will be at the zoo.

Sun., Dec. 8 - Babysitting Event 12p.m.- 3p.m.

Sun., Dec. 15 - Discussions and dinner.

THE HOPE FUND

If your child(ren) would like to participate in a youth event but the cost is keeping him/her/them from joining us, funds are available to help. The Hope Fund was established through a generous donation of a Peace Lutheran Church family to enable a member(s) of our congregation to participate in church youth activities. Just let Deacon Shari or Pastor Dave know - no one else will know.

7TH & 8TH GRADE ICE SKATING EVENT – SAT., DEC. 7

On Sat., Dec. 8, we will meet at church at 1:30 p.m. and go to the Arctic Ice Arena, in Orland Park, to go ice skating. Cost of this outing is \$10 for admission and skate rental. Open skate is from 2:30 to 3:30. Pick up youth at church at 4 p.m. Please let us know if you can join us. There is an online sign up on our church website, use the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or the sign-up in the bulletin. Parents if you would like to drive/chaperone, please let us know.

5TH & 6TH GRADE HOLIDAY PARTY– SUN., DEC. 15

Please join us on Sun., Dec. 15, at 12:15 p.m. (right after the Sunday School Christmas Program!), for some holiday fun! We will play games, eat some food and put together the items from the Ronald McDonald House wish list. **Parents you can find the RMH wish list in the narthex. We will be collecting these items until Dec. 15.** Please drop donations off in the Sunday School office. Pick up youth at 2:30 p.m. Please let us know if you will be joining us. There is an online sign up on our church website, use the sign up sheet in the narthex, or the sign up in the bulletin. Parents if you would like to chaperone please let us know.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS - DEC. 7 & 15

Our Sunday School has two programs. Children who are 3 years old through 2nd grade will have their program on Dec. 7 during the 5:00 worship. Children in 3rd through 6th grades will have their program on Dec. 15 during the 11:00 worship.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN - SAT., DEC. 14

We hope you and your friends can join us for a breakfast with Santa on Sat., Dec. 14, at 9:00 a.m. at church. This is a great chance to see a relatively uncrowded Santa, visit with friends, and get into the Christmas spirit! Whether you are naughty or nice, we'll serve you waffles, sausages, bananas, donut holes, milk, juice, and coffee (for a suggested donation of \$2.00 per person.) If you plan to attend, please use the sign up slip in the bulletin and give us ages of children too. Let us know if you would be able to help with set-up on that Friday morning, or help with serving and/or clean up on Saturday.

PEACE 360 BABYSITTING EVENT - SUN., DEC. 8

Our High school youth group, Peace 360, is setting aside some time to baby sit! It will be on Sun., Dec. 8, from 12-3 p.m. here at church (ages 2 years old and up) free of charge! Maybe you would like time to go out shopping, make other preparations for Christmas, or just take some time for yourself. **Please let us know if you would like to use our services by using the sign-up sheet on the counter in the narthex or contacting the church office. First come, first serve.**

Groups

PEACE BUDDIES - SUN., DEC. 15

Peace Buddies is a special needs youth group for high school age and older. You do not have to be a part of our church to join us. We meet from 12 noon -2:00 p.m. If you know someone, please invite them to come.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP - SECOND TUESDAYS

Do you care for someone diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia? Are you looking for information and support? You are not alone. An Alzheimer's Association Support Group meeting is held at Peace the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Karin Knutson at karinknutson@hotmail.com.

ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - EVERY TUESDAY

Is someone you love abusing prescription or street drugs? Are you concerned about the destructive choices he or she is making and/or in denial? If you are feeling all alone and would like some support from other parents, siblings, friends and spouses who are traveling the same road you are on, then this group may be for you. We support all roads to recovery, so we share what has or hasn't worked for us. We also understand that we must recover, because our lives have also become unmanageable. We meet Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tom Moore at (815) 354-3195.

RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTERS) - MON., DEC. 2

No experience necessary. You just have to know how to have fun to join. And if that's not enough, we always have snacks! If you have any questions, call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338. Join us at 9:00 a.m.

PING PONG CLUB - SUN., DEC. 15

The Ping Pong Club will meet again on Sun., Dec. 15, at noon here at the church. If you think you may want to join them, let the office know.

MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., DEC. 10

Dartball meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. No prior experience needed or helpful. Please join us! We finish at 9:00 p.m. so you've got time for your bedtime ice cream, too. (Who's idea is that???)

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., DEC. 17

Our next meeting will be our usual day Tues., Dec. 17, at noon here at church. But there will be nothing usual about our event: It is our Christmas dinner! We will cater in the full meal, and ask for a contribution of \$10 each. **We need a firm count of who is attending by Dec. 11.** If you have questions, contact the church office. Invite a friend!

Fellowship Opportunities/Events

THEATRE OPTIONS

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA - SAT., DEC. 21 - 2:00 P.M.

Due to a cancellation, we now have 2 tickets available. Ticket price is \$58.50 each. See Pastor Dave if you are interested.

A TRIBUTE TO WHITNEY HOUSTON - Sat., Feb. 8, 8:00 p.m. at Governor's State. Belinda Davis, a chart-topping artist. There will be all the theatrical sounds, dancing, lights, and songs from the amazing Whitney Houston. Use the sign-up or contact the church office. **We have 6 tickets left.** Tickets are \$40 each. Please sign up by Jan. 10.

SHAKESPEARE'S AS YOU LIKE IT

We have been given an opportunity to see a modern adaptation of this classic play. This high-spirited version infuses Shakespeare's comedy with the hit songs of The Beatles! The date will be Sat., June 13, at 3:00 p.m. at the Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier. Group rate tickets will be \$72 - \$81. We have **1 ticket left, but probably can get more.** Please use the sign-up or call the office to let us know.

DISNEY ON ICE - Sat., Feb. 1, at 3:00 p.m. at the United Center in Chicago. Those group-rate tickets will be \$18 each – a good Christmas gift. Use the sign-up or contact the church office. Let us know by Dec. 15.

SHREK THE MUSICAL - Sat., June 6, at noon at the Drury Lane in Oakbrook. Ticket prices will depend on whether we get a group rate (at least 15 = \$15.50; if not \$25.) Use the sign-up or contact the church office. Let us know by Jan. 1.

AMERICAN LEGION BAND - SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS SUN., DEC. 8

The award-winning Joliet American Legion Band will perform their 37th annual Sounds of Christmas concert at the Rialto Square Theater in Joliet for a 2:00 p.m. performance on Sun., Dec. 8. Tickets are free (but food items will be collected at the door). Please use the sign-up slip by Dec. 1 to reserve your spot.

AMERICAN IN PARIS" - SUN., FEB. 9

This show will be at the Drury Lane in Oak Brook, and is the romantic story of a young American soldier, a beautiful French girl, and an indomitable European city, each yearning for a new beginning in the aftermath of war. Ticket prices depend on whether we get a group rate of 15 or more (\$64.85.) You may wish to consider dinner at Maggiano's after the show, too. Please use the sign-up or contact the church office.

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L: God, we come together in prayer lifting all needs both known and unknown...

(pause for silence)

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(all are invited to give their own prayers of thanks either out loud or silently)

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Email _____

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